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Happy Holidays!

This is the last issue of *The Pacer* until Jan. 16. Check our online edition during the break at <http://pacer.utm.edu/> for breaking news updates.

The staff would like to wish you the best of luck on your final exams, a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Drive carefully!



Charity hosts 'bagging'

E.W. James & Sons stores in Weakley County invite you to shop with them on Saturday, Dec. 6, and support the local United Way.

Volunteers with Weakley County's United Way will be bagging groceries at the E.W. James stores in Martin, Dresden and Greenfield from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. All tips will be used for local United Way efforts. Last year, the event raised over \$500 for the organization.

United Way of West Tennessee is a local, volunteer-driven organization that helps strengthen the communities it serves. Through United Way, individual pledges and payroll deduction campaigns are combined to create a fund that supports health and human service programs and agencies serving the area.

Don't forget to pay fees

The deadline to pay fees and receive confirmation of Spring 2004 enrollment from the Business Office is Jan. 9. According to the spring course schedule, this deadline is for all students, including those with financial aid, fee waivers and scholarships. Students who miss the Jan. 9 deadline will have their schedules purged. The first day of classes for spring semester is Jan. 12, and late registration will run from Jan. 12-16.

Spring 2004 Refund Check Disbursement Schedule

Fees paid before January 9

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Last Name Initial
C,D,H,I,K,N,P,Q,
R,U,V,W,X,Y,Z

Wednesday, Jan. 14

A,B,E,F,G,J,L,M,
O,S,T

Paid on or after January 9

Thursday, Jan. 15

A-Z

You must present your STUDENT ID when you pick up your refund check.

Be aware, you may be required to repay a portion of your excess aid check:

1. If you do not begin attendance in all of your classes.
2. If you drop any classes during the first week of classes.
3. If you drop classes later in the semester.
4. If you withdraw from classes

■ Just a thought about the Dems

Tennessee Federation of College Democrats President Wil Hammd responds to a recent column from the College Republicans.

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■ AGR wins case to be tax free

Alpha Gamma Rho recently won a case to declare their organization exempt from property taxes under the provisions for professional organizations.

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■ Christmas gifts on the cheap

The Pacer takes a look at what to give this holiday season when you're on a budget. Check it out!

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■ 'Hawks off to rough start

The Skyhawk men's basketball team dropped a game to the U of Memphis, while the women's team lost to nationally ranked North Carolina.

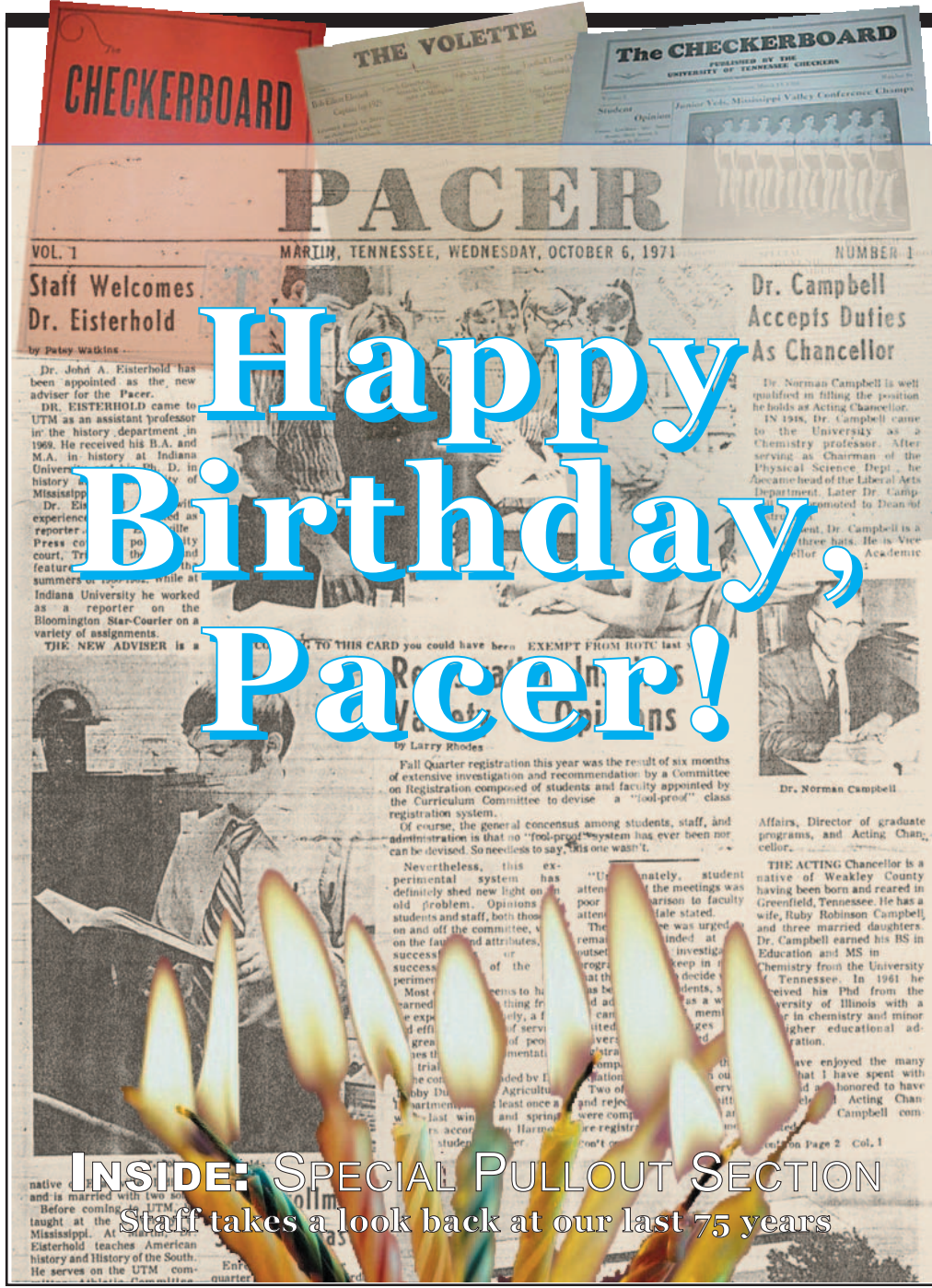
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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Light Rain
High 47 Low 29	High 52 Low 41	High 59 Low 45	High 57 Low 54

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Happy Birthday, Pacer!

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Staff takes a look back at our last 75 years

Visiting team reports theft of over \$1,600

Incident occurred during basketball game; no arrests have been made

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Visiting Central Baptist College players told UTM Public Safety officers November 24 that over \$1,600 in personal property had been stolen during a basketball game in the Elam Center.

The incident report on file says that the theft occurred in the visitor's locker room between 7 and 9 p.m.

Central's assistant coach Dave Horton told officers that he was the last person to leave the locker room each time, and that the doors had been locked.

"A search of all common areas in and around the Elam Center was conducted for possible discarded items, with negative results," the incident report says.

The hallway and locker rooms at the Elam Center do not have video surveillance systems in place. The door has an external keypad as well as a standard door lock.

Assistant Director Steve Jahr says that his department is still investigating the thefts and that no arrests have been made.

Patrolman Chad Worley, the responding officer, recommended the investigation be turned over to Lt. Ray Coleman in his report.

"We regret that this incident happened," said UTM Athletic Director Phil Dane.

"We have been in contact with Central Baptist College and we have assured them that the investigation will be carried out thoroughly."

Dane also said Tuesday that he encourages anyone with knowledge of this incident to report it to the Office of Public Safety and Lt. Ray Coleman.

Mustangs head coach Jutin McGinty was unable to comment Tuesday on the incident because his team was preparing for a road game. He did confirm that he had been in contact with UTM officials about the matter.

The following players reported losses:
Marcus White: portable CD player valued at \$60, \$55 in cash.

Kenneth Stone: Sony MP3 player valued at \$150.
Anthony Eckert: cellular phone valued at \$150.00, wallet valued at \$20, \$45 in cash, pair of reading glasses valued at \$75.

Orien Hatcher: wallet valued at \$20, \$45 in cash.
Antonio Hister: class ring valued at \$350, \$40 from discarded wallet, cell phone charger valued at \$15, left cell phone.

Robert Davis: cellular phone valued at \$100, wallet valued at \$20, \$93 in cash, credit cards.

Lamar Eslinger: cellular phone valued at \$100, portable CD player valued at \$60, \$67 taken from bag side pocket.

Voja Radosavljevic: cellular phone valued at \$100, \$20 in cash from discarded wallet.
Ingo Stein: 20 mini-discs valued at \$5 apiece.

Plagiarism cases sent to Student Affairs

Students also complain about policy limiting online section of INFS 310

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Sources close to *The Pacer* say that Information Systems assistant professor Keith Herrel has filed as many as 12 cases of plagiarism violations with Student Conduct Officer Vishenia Huery for review.

Herrel said Thursday that "it is certainly true that plagiarism should not be condoned," but he would not discuss any specific cases from his class.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Tom Rakes declined to comment about the specifics of the plagiarism claim, but did clarify the university's policies.

"As a matter of practice and fairness to all concerned, I do not discuss details concerning

students or faculty when they involve ongoing or specific operational matters involving instructional practice until after due process has been provided for all concerned," Rakes said.

"These matters are confidential under the provisions of both state and federal law," he added.

Sen. Dusty Dean, SGA Academic Affairs chair, sees things slightly differently.

"If there are 12 purported plagiarism violations stemming from one upper-division class, then perhaps the offense lies not with the students," Dean said.

Another concern stemming from ongoing inquiries is the closing of an online section of Information Systems 310 to

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only off-campus students. Several students have complained about the closing to *The Pacer*. The on-campus course is taught by Herrel.

Rakes said that it is university policy that if sections of the same course are offered on campus, campus students are routed into these sections.

Online classes were introduced with the advent of the Bachelor of Undergraduate Studies (BUS) degree offered at UTM, in which the original proposal for the online program as approved through the UT System stipulates that these online offerings are to be directed toward non-traditional, off-campus students.

"We simply do not have enough online sections to open up access to everyone," Rakes said.

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McWherter to receive honorary degree

Fall Commencement 2003



Photo: The State of Tennessee

'His' university: Former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter will be the first recipient of an honorary degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A reception will immediately follow commencement in the Duncan Ballroom in the Ed and Carolyn Boling University Center.

McWherter often refers to UTM as "my university" and has numerous ties to the local institution. Located

in his native Weakley County, UTM was the beneficiary of funds he donated to build a replica of the governor's office, located in the university's Paul Meek Library. The library now houses McWherter's Speaker of the House papers.

The fact that his daughter, Dr. Linda Ramsey is a longtime UTM professor of health and human performance, and his grandson, Matt Ramsey, is in his second year as a university student adds to McWherter's affinity for UTM.

McWherter attended Weakley County public schools and graduated from Dresden High School in 1948. He was a Dresden businessman before being elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1968, where he served for nine consecutive terms.

He was elected Speaker of the House in 1973, serving seven terms in that position. In 1986, he was elected to the first of two four-year terms as governor. McWherter's contributions to Tennessee education include his work to establish the 21st Century Schools program.

McWherter created a charitable remainder trust to UTM in memory of his mother, Lucille McWherter. The Lucille McWherter Scholarship Foundation benefits students attending the UTM campus.

He also established a statewide Ned McWherter Scholars Program, a competitive, merit-based grant for students attending Tennessee post-secondary institutions.

A reception and brunch will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Paul Meek Library Special Collections Area.

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Editorial: Hitting the campaign trail now benefits students

Student Government elections are five months away, which leads the discussion of who our next student leaders will be.

The Pacer sees the need for a spark to set off campus wide discussion of what has been accomplished this year and what needs to be done in 2004. With the entire country focusing on the major political issues facing our nation, why not bring it to the campus level?

There are a few hindrances to the discussion occurring, however. Current election guidelines prevent a potential candidate from publicly campaigning (a very vague term, which means even declaring your candidacy) before a certain date, a violation of election guidelines, prompting disqualification.

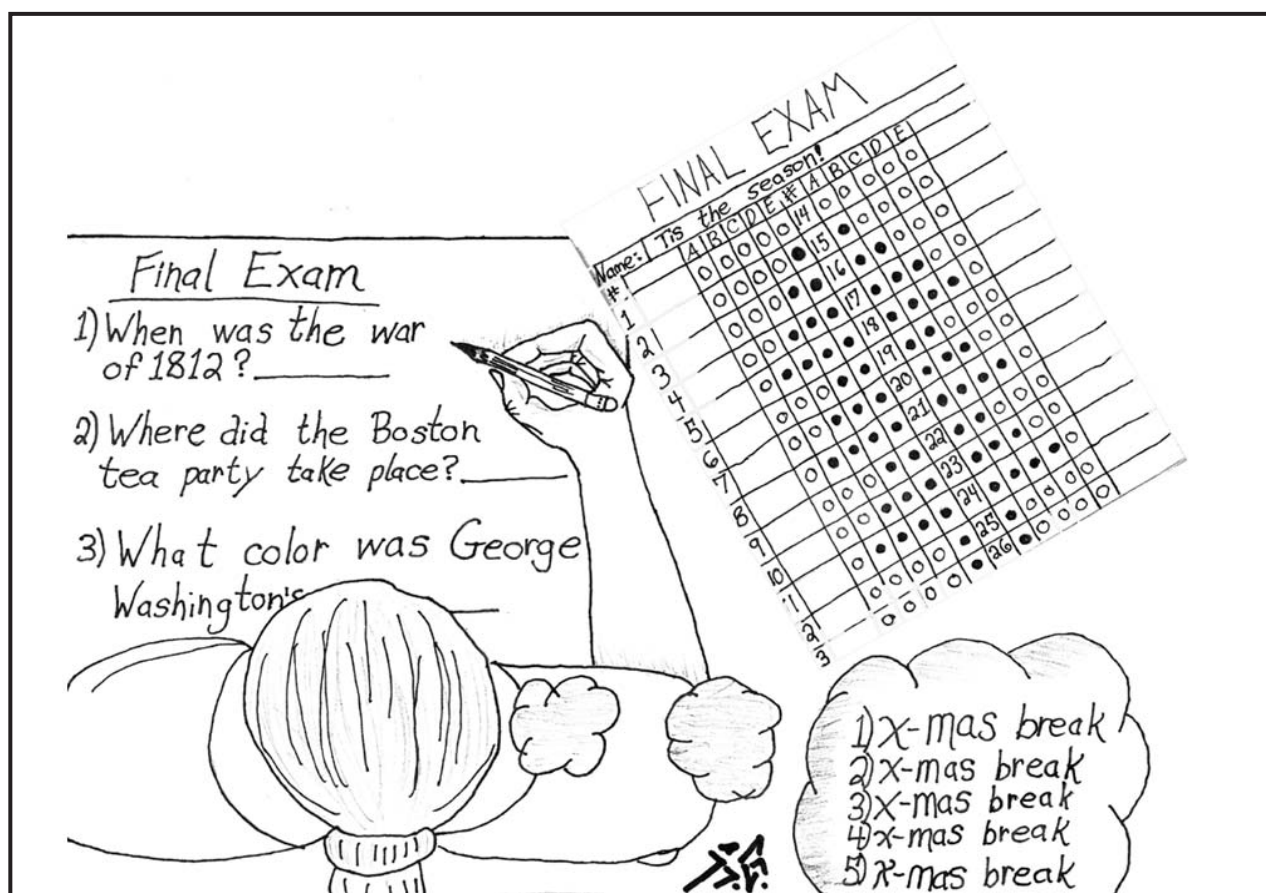
Last Spring, this was less than a week before the polls opened. While we are not advocating posters, sidewalk chalk, and being pelted with candy to start as early as Jan. 12, the guidelines need to be relaxed.

It is our desire to publish written debates between candidates, write profile stories of people with new ideas, even do some poll work as early as March.

Allowing campaigning to start sooner will also lessen the importance of the mad dash to Kinko's for hundreds of flyers. Voters will focus more on what the candidate has to say instead of who can get a friend to design pretty posters or wear a sandwich board.

We feel that the student body is in need of an influx of new ideas and interest in student leadership positions.

The Student Government has its hands publicly tied if it remains a mystery how to get involved in the process.



College Democrats challenge Hayes to debate



Wil Hammond
President of the Tenn.
Federation of College
Democrats

This is in response to Ms. Christin Hayes letter of concern that she submitted. Ms. Hayes, my name is Wil Hammond I am the State President for the Tennessee Federation of College Democrats and a student here at UTM. I would like to clear the air of a very few off the mark comments and accusations that you made in your letter.

First off I am from Martin, TN, so like you I know a little about the political climate in West Tennessee and I know this, you said "and now that there is some stiff competition, they simply don't know how to respond." This, like many of the other statements you made is just simply untrue Ms. Hayes as a matter of fact eleven College Dems

from this campus alone were trained in local campaign management. Of those eleven six of these students have intern in Nashville, three of those served for Governor Phil Bredesen, two have managed and won local races, and two have also worked on and helped to win statewide races. So the statement that you make about us "simply not knowing how to respond" is a little misfounded.

The next concern that you addressed is the supposed use of "juvenile tactics of whining and name-calling." Ms. Hayes, who is really using "juvenile tactics of whining and name calling"? When you start your letter by referring to our group as a bunch of "liberals", we represent those of all political beliefs in our party that is what makes us unique. We have Conservatives such as U.S. Representative John Tanner, who represents you and me and won by over 70% last year, and we have our liberals, just as you have your extremists like Jerry Farwell and Rush Limbaugh in your organization, but we all join together under the Democratic flag to fight for equal rights for all Americans, healthcare for those who need it, jobs for those

who lost theirs, and a clean environment so that our hunters here in West Tennessee will have safe and healthy land to hunt on.

"Need I remind him of the 7.2 percent economic growth that we achieved in the last quarter? This was the largest economic growth in nearly 20 years." I do not dispute this Ms. Hayes, but what you failed to mention is that it would take a growth of close to 300,000 jobs per month for this President to reach an unemployment rate that existed when President Bill Clinton left office. Our economy has never and judging by the less than 75,000 jobs that were created in the same quarter that you are speaking of, will never reach this rate no matter how much you cut taxes. One could also argue that this growth was spurred by a war. Which one I can't really say, is it the war on terrorism, or the war with Iraq?

It seems that we started with a well founded war on terror after the attacks on innocent Americans. It seems now though that our war on terror has transformed into the Gulf War part two. Osama Bin Laden has morphed into Saddam Hussein and we are no longer "devoting all of

our efforts to find and bringing to justice those who were responsible for the attacks" as President Bush promised after the attacks on American lives. Even the people in charge said they lost all traces of Osama Bin Laden almost nine months ago, about the time we went into Iraq. So what is the truth? The Bush Administration and the Pentagon lied to the American people about the capture of Jessica Lynch, we still have not seen hide nor hair of any "weapons of mass destruction", and we have yet to catch either leader we have went after, sound more like weapons of mass distraction to me.

All the while our President is on a two week fundraising tour across America to raise double the amount of money he spent last election, which set a record as being the most ever spent on a race.

If you were to take all nine democrats that are running for President pool their money that would not even be half of what President Bush raised in two weeks. Now facing "stiff competition" who is it that is scrambling to respond?

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Student demands more sections of courses offered



Erica Merritt
Guest Columnist

Recreating your schedule repeatedly because a class has only one section can become a nuisance.

The students at UTM pay more than enough money for their classes so therefore it should be required to have at least two sections of each course.

Imagine having a full schedule for the day, with barely enough time to eat, and you have to register as soon as possible. After

your 8 a.m. class you, hurry to try to get that one class that is offered only once. You get to the computer to find out the class has a big "C" beside it because it is closed. This upsets students every year.

When it is time to register, you have to schedule your classes as soon as possible or you will not get the schedule that you made out for yourself. When you make out your schedule, you want the classes that you have put down.

This is a problem that creates many more problems. Sometimes the classes that are offered at only one time are required for your major. When this happens, you have a number of people trying to schedule for the same class and only a certain number of people end up with that class. You and your schedule can be affected big time.

Students already maintain high levels of stress in college, so why add more to their pile. They have to worry about their jobs, grades and expenses for college. Most students struggle to attend college so they want to graduate as quickly as possible.

Having only one section of a class causes frustration among the students. Some students attend college trying to get an education with children of their own. This makes it harder on them also.

This is not fair to the students of UTM. It should be required to have at least two sections of each course. With all the students who

attend UTM, there would be a better chance for students to get in their courses if it were required.

If there were adequate numbers of sections then students would not have to worry about each class getting full before it is time for them to sign up.

The students of UTM should not have to worry about this problem. This could easily be solved with the requirement of more sections. This would cause less stress on the students who attend this school.

Erica Merritt is a junior from Covington.

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AGR declared exempt from property taxes

Staff Reports

A local fraternity at UTM no longer has to pay \$1200 dollars worth of property taxes according to a ruling issued by the chancery court of Weakley County.

The judgment was filed on August 21 stating the case was against the State of Tennessee Board of Equalization, Weakley County Tenn., and the Weakley County Assessor of property. The purpose of this suit was to see whether or not Alpha Gamma Rho/Martin Building Corporation (AGR) is entitled to have its real property exempted from taxation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 67-5-212(h). The case was heard on July 14, 2003 on the administrative record and statements of counsel.

According to the judgment, AGR is a "nonprofit corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation." The judgment also reads that AGR is "a professional fraternity openly only to men pursuing collegiate courses in agriculture or related subjects."

The property discussed in the judgment was the AGR fraternity house at UTM, located on 225 University Street, Martin, Tenn.

Despite the recent ruling in the chancery court, AGR has been denied a request for exemption several times. In 1998, the staff attorney for the State Board denied an application of exempt from taxes on April 30, 1999. AGR was denied complete



The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity has been declared exempt from paying taxes. Among those properties declaring exempt is the house located on 225 University St.

exemption once more before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on October 19, 1999. The initial decision of the ALJ found AGR was a fraternal organization exempt from federal income taxation but determined it did not meet the test of education activities and denied the application for exemption. A third denial was issued on December 23, 1999 when the fraternity requested reconsideration.

The statute relevant to this case is found in Tenn. Code Ann. 67-5-212(h) which states that, "There shall be exempt from property taxation the property or any part thereof fraternal organizations exempted from the payment of federal income taxes by the United States Internal Revenue Code to the extent that such property is used not for revenue reducing profit, but directly, physically and exclusively for religious, charita-

ble, scientific and educational activities."

Both the ALJ and the commission found AGR did not meet the "educational activities" requirement of the Tennessee Code. However, a leading case on this issue is City of Memphis v. Alpha Beta Welfare Association. In Alpha Beta, the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity applied for exemption from property taxation. The trial court, Court of Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme court held the fraternity was entitled to property tax exemption.

In the present case with AGR, fraternity co-founder and advisor, Dr. Bobby Duck testified that no classroom instruction took place in the chapter but that an "awful amount of learning" took place. He noted that career training "runs through everything we do." Annual leadership workshops were also shown to have taken

place in which the alumni expound on their respective agricultural related vocations.

According to the judgment, AGR also provides a "student tutorial program" for new members to assist them with homework assignments. If a member's grade point average falls below a 2.25, he is required to maintain mandatory study hours each week usually monitored by a fraternity officer.

The chancery court ruled that AGR exhibits more than expected by a college social fraternity. According to their judgment, AGR has an informally structured "system of education" similar to that found in the Alpha Beta case and is entitled to exemption from property taxation.

Other fraternities on the UTM campus still have to pay property taxes as assessed.

City/University Relations Committee completes tasks

Amy Eddings
Associate News Editor

While driving down the recently renamed "Skyhawk Parkway", TN Highway-43, be sure and take notice of the paint job on the city's new water tower.

In continuing efforts by the City/University Relations Committee to improve the relationship between the city and the university, the city of Martin paid for the 18' tall by 17' wide UT Martin logo to be painted on to the tower. The logo was an agreement between the city and the university because the land the tower sits on was leased from UTM.

When asked if he believed the painting would actually improve city/university relations, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige said "It definitely will because it gets the name UTM out there, and you can see that tower from every direction. We should be proud that the name is on the tower, and I think the city is. I also think that the students will be proud

that the name will be recognizable."

Sitting on the City/University Relations Committee are Chairman Elizabeth Grey, Aldermen Danny Nanney, David Belote, Natalie Boyd, Mayor Brundige, and UTM students Joey Pierce, Liz Craig, Kevin Anderson, Eric Tolbert, Tameka Russell, Tony Beal, and Beau Pemberton.

In addition to the water tower painting, the committee was the spearhead of Highway-43 being renamed the "Skyhawk Parkway". The committee is also working on a "Parent's Day" to allow the families of UTM students to come and visit the campus.

According to Mayor Brundige, the committee had originally wanted the day scheduled in February to coincide with "Greek Week". During their meeting on December 1, the committee decided that to push the day back because there wouldn't be enough time to get information ready. Talks about "Parent's Day" will be continued at the first meeting next semester.

Fact: College isn't as easy portrayed in the cinema

Five simple tips for college success for students

Wes Brasher
Staff Writer

As you reach the end of the fall semester, you may have realized that the total college experience isn't always a positive experience.

If you don't learn the ropes within a couple of weeks you might find yourself broke, stressed and a little more overweight than you were before you left home.

The trick is to learn how to counter these common problems that college students face every day. Five of the most prominent of these problems are:

1) Sleep Deprivation. "Seven to eight hours of sleep are required for the human body to function optimally," according to the National Sleep Foundation

(NSF). The average college student gets that amount about every other day. One of the key problems is the inability to fall asleep faster. You are also more likely to toss and turn if you eat an hour before you go to sleep.

2) The Freshman Fifteen. Significant weight gain during the first semester of college is a common problem. Busy students are less likely to prepare food for themselves, which leads to a higher junk food and fast food intake and ultimately an unbalanced diet. When grocery shopping you should try to buy food that is a little healthier, yet not a hassle to prepare. It could keep you from gaining a severe amount of weight by the time you get ready to finish school.

3) Time Management. Most

college counselors will tell you that the biggest problem for students is learning to manage their time. Being organized is key to mastering time management.

Some simple things you can do to improve this are buying a planner, keeping a calendar in your room or setting aside certain hours every day to study. This lack of time management comes from newfound independence. If you can't learn to deal with independence then your college career could end much earlier than you had anticipated.

4) Money Management. Another key skill is learning to manage your money. Most people during their college years don't have a lot of money to throw around, but you can learn to stretch that money as far as it will go. One solution is student employment. If you think you

can work and go to school then Student Employment, located in the UC, offers many jobs, several of which are able to work around your schedule.

5) Substance Abuse. Whether you choose to indulge in alcohol or not, you need to set down clear rules on when and how much. Overindulgence of alcohol is one of the most ignored problems for college students. If you have an 8 a.m. class on Thursday morning, then you probably shouldn't get smashed on Wednesday night. If you choose to drink, you should learn your tolerance and drink accordingly. Substance abuse is definitely not a solid excuse for getting thrown out of school.

Follow these five simple tips, study hard and get to class and you will succeed in college.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Nicole Bennington
Staff Writer

It is time to find out who has been naughty or nice because Santa Claus is coming to town to share the holidays with local children. Santa has been busy as he was featured in Goody's ads, HGTV holiday commercials, the Fantasy of Trees Benefit, and the Knoxville Christmas Parade, but he is very excited to visit the Weldon Public Library in Martin this Sunday, December 7th from 12:30-2:30. Children will appreciate the friendly atmosphere and not having to battle the crowds and not having to stand in long lines like at the mall. When they come to visit Santa, children will have the opportunity to tell him all of

their holiday wishes, enjoy cookies and refreshments, and have their picture taken for years of lasting memories. Your 5x7 photo will arrive in the mail to your home. This event is being held to bring some joy to the children of Martin at Christmas and to help raise money for the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Foundation which is working to build a safe walkway for pedestrians through the city of Martin. All of the afternoon's activities are included in a \$10 donation to the Greenway project. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Martin Greenway Citizens' Advisory Committee, UTM Office of University Relations, and, of course, Santa. For more information call 588-2507.

Online: continued from cover

"I support the university policy for online courses as that policy is stated by Academic Affairs," Herrel said.

Department Chair Edd Joyner is said to have fielded several student concerns about changes in the section offerings.

"The supposedly 'late' notice about the restriction on the online class was in fact an early notice. No on-campus students were being allowed in the class before I ever made my decision," said Joyner.

"Regardless of my decision, no

on-campus student would have been allowed in until after online student registration had ended and then only if room remained in the class. My preference, however, is to cancel the section if we fail to meet minimum enrollment with online students," he added.

Brian Davis, an on-campus student currently enrolled in the online section, does not agree.

"I think if a student wants to take an online course, it should always be permitted as long as there is space left, since the premise of online courses is

'learning anywhere,' not 'learning anywhere but here,'" Davis said.

Joyner said that plagiarism appears to be reaching "epidemic" proportions, citing several examples of students as well as faculty cases across the country, but he has not passed judgment on possible UTM cases.

"Should the charges be unfounded, we would not want the student's reputation unjustly tarnished. Likewise, should it be a first offense of a student, we would like that student to have a chance to turn things around

without the gossip mill getting in the way," Joyner said.

Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs, would not comment on either the plagiarism cases or the online section's restrictions.

However, he told *The Pacer* Thursday that "Mr. Herrel will be leaving at the end of his current contract. He will continue to teach during the spring but will not be at UTM in the fall."

Fall 2003 Finals Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45-9:45: 8 MWF classes	7:45-9:45: 9 MWF classes	7:45-9:45: 10 MWF classes	7:45-9:45: 11 MWF classes	7:45-9:45: 12 MWF classes
10-12 noon: 8 TTh classes	10-12 noon: 9:30 & 10 TTh classes	10-12 noon: 11 TTh classes	10-12 noon: 1 TTh classes	10-12 noon: 2:30 & 3 TTh classes
12:45-2:45: 1 MWF classes	12:45-2:45: 2 MWF classes	12:45-2:45: 3 MWF classes	12:45-2:45: 4 MWF classes	12:45-2:45: 4 TTh classes
3-5: Communications 230	3-5: Mgt. 301, 310, & 490	3-5: Math 140 & 160	3-5: InfSys 310, Econ 201 & 202	
5:15-7:15: English 100, 111, & 112	5:15-7:15: Math 070, 080, 210, 251, & 252	5:15-7:15: Acct 201 & 202, Finance 301	5:15-7:15: BLaw 201, Chem 121 & 122, Mktg 301	No further exams after this time.
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When a mass exam has been scheduled, an instructor may NOT give the test at the regularly scheduled time if the class begins at 4:00 p.m. or earlier. The instructor will decide on the seating arrangement for the mass exams. All other final exams will be given in the regularly scheduled classroom.

Efforts of Ken-Tenn Humane Society save campus feral cat colony

Steven Pitts
Staff Writer

According to Lana Kipling, President of the Ken-Tenn Humane Society, the cats that have been roaming around UTM have been removed and given better homes.

If you are interested in helping the feral and stray cat problem, you can speak to Lana Kipling.

Along with the help of Dr. Heidi Huse, Ms. Kipling has been capturing cats around the area, including UTM, for several years at no cost to anyone except herself.

Ms. Kipling believes the best possible solution is a program called trap-neuter-release (TNR). This program involves catching the cats, having them spayed or neutered, and then releasing them somewhere else, such as a feral colony.

Many of the cats Ms. Kipling

has captured are going to such a colony in Carroll County. If you would like to make contact with her, feel free to call her at 587-7855 (office) or 587-5173 (home).

One of the best things to do when you come upon a stray animal, according to the Heart of America Humane Society, is to stay clear of it and try to contact your nearest animal shelter. One such shelter can be reached in Union City at 885-3690.

Suppose you walk outside to take out the garbage one night and see several cats around the dumpster. Noticing you have some old food on top of the bag, you take it out and give some to the cats, being the good-hearted person that you are.

Not only have you helped the stray and feral cats survive, your actions will possibly bring more cats to your residence, thus increasing your chance of getting

rabies.

According to the National Center for Infectious Diseases, rabies occurs twice as often in cats as compared with cows or dogs.

One method that has been used for years to try and help the stray and feral cat problem is simply to catch and kill the cats a few days later. Even though the catch and kill method may not be the most effective for controlling cats, other animals, such as birds and small mammals, may be spared. Since cats are born predators, this means that they will hunt and kill other animals even when not hungry.

Ms. Kipling strongly expressed her concern when she said, "If only they would give cats as much concern as an old tree," referring to the tree located in the quad in front of the administration building.

Money, quality hand-in-hand in language study

Jason Livingston
Staff Writer

If you are considering a certificate of proficiency or a foreign language minor, here are the differences to help you decide.

A minor is the quicker as well as the least expensive option of the two. Is it the best? To simply answer that question, it is not.

With a certificate of proficiency,

more job opportunities will be presented to you than if you had only completed a minor. If you are only working to receive a certificate, you are required to take more classes as well as encouraged to study abroad to fully grasp the culture.

Regardless of what you decide to do, you will be required to take the Oral Proficiency Interview. This test assesses your oral proficiency,

more job opportunities will be presented to you than if you had only completed a minor. If you are only working to receive a certificate, you are required to take more classes as well as encouraged to study abroad to fully grasp the culture.

The best, but most expensive, route is to get a certificate of proficiency.

Debate: Continued from page 2

Have no doubt about it though me just as all that are in the College Democrats are just as American as you, and we totally and without question 100% support our men and women who answered their bosses call as they have been taught to do. We thank them for their sacrifices and pray for their safe return. Serving your country is the greatest sacrifice you can make.

With that said, I did a little research on this matter and, yes, Howard Dean did not serve in Vietnam. He received a medical reprieve for a back condition, but at least he showed up. George W. Bush was a member of the Texas Air National Guard; it is documented that he showed up for

one drill and never saw anything resembling action. It sounds to me like that is closer to the definition of "draft-dodging" than Governor Dean. As for the "pot smoking", at least he will admit to his mistakes so that others don't make the same mistakes. Whereas George W. Bush refuses to this day to talk about the cocaine habit that he has been accused of having up until about 15 years ago.

Ms. Hayes, if you wish to debate these in other issues with me or others from the College Democrats I will be more than happy to do so. As a matter of fact, in order to raise the level of public debate on this campus, on behalf of the College Democrats

I challenge you to a six part series of debates in this newspaper next semester. The topic to be selected by the Editorial Board of this newspaper. One every two weeks so that others who are concerned with these and other issues can have their voices heard. No "whining", "name calling", or "childish acts" that you have accused this organization of doing, just the facts in black and white.

On behalf of the College Democrats I wish each of you good luck with your finals and a safe holiday break.

Just a thought...

Wil Hammond is a junior B.U.S. major from Martin.

BULLETIN BOARD

Bean Switch

Submit to Bean Switch, the UTM literary magazine. The fall-term deadline is at 4 p.m. on Dec. 5. Bring submissions to the Department of English located at 131 Humanities. For more information, contact the Department of English.

Public Safety Notice

As the holiday season approaches, please be extra cautious about leaving personal items unattended. Items of specific concern are books, purses, backpacks and electronic items (cell phones, calculators, etc.) and most are taken during "crimes of opportunity" meaning items are easily accessible to a thief. Prevent this by taking a minute to secure it in a locked area. Help your neighbor by being alert and remind them not to leave their things unattended. Report anything or anyone that appears suspicious immediately by dialing

911 or 7777.

Diploma Application

Several seniors and master's candidates planning to graduate this semester have not yet filed a diploma application. Please apply so that your diploma will arrive for in time for commencement. This is now an online process on Banner Web.

Perkins Loan Recipients

Graduating seniors and students transferring or withdrawing this semester who have a Perkins Student Loan must have an exit interview. Please call 7828 or 7824 to make an appointment with Judy Kerley.

Senior Standing

Students seeking a degree who have completed 85 hours or more, must apply for Senior Standing before registering. This is now an online process on Banner Web.

Financial Planning Course

Students interested in learning about money management may want to consider registering for a Personal Finance class offered at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the spring 2004 semester. This is a low stress course that covers a variety of subjects from debt management to how to buy a car to investment fundamentals. The textbook is under \$50 and the material is relevant to everyone. For those interested in registering, the CRN is 21473 and the course name is Contact Bobbie McClain at bmcclain@utm.edu with questions regarding the course

Is your organization meeting or planning an event next semester? To publicize in the first issue next semester, e-mail it to pacer_news@mars.utm.edu or submit it on our Web site at <http://pacer.utm.edu>.

POLICE REPORT

Monday, Nov. 17

10:09 a.m., Lot 19-Browning Hall
A Dodge truck was struck by an unknown vehicle. Investigation continues.

Monday, Nov. 17

6:10 p.m., Lot 4-Library
A gold Honda Accord was hit by an unknown yellow vehicle. Investigation continues.

Monday, Nov. 17

9:47 p.m., Humanities Building
Approximately 14 rolls of toilet paper tissue were reported stolen.

Monday, Nov. 17

9:54 p.m., Elam Center
A student reported his cellular phone was stolen while he was attending an intramural volleyball game. Investigation continues.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

3:15 p.m., Gooch Hall
A complaint of a disorderly student. The student was located and referred to Student Affairs.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

3:37 p.m., Lot 1-Stadium
A red Ford truck was struck by an unknown vehicle. Investigation continues.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

4:23 p.m., Lot 3-Fine Arts
Accident in the parking lot. Report is on file.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

6:06 p.m., University Courts
A vehicle rolls out of gear striking another vehicle. Report is on file.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

11:30 a.m., Unknown
A student reported her parking sticker stolen. Investigation continues.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

11:58 a.m., University Street
A citation was issued for speeding. Martin City Court.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

12:35 p.m., Lot 15-Business Administration
Vehicle accident in the parking lot. Report is on file.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

3:05 p.m., Lot 14-Heat Plant
A vehicle was towed for excessive number of parking tickets.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

9:32 p.m., Ellington Hall
A student reported being followed. The second student was identified and talked with.

Thursday, Nov. 20

4:03 p.m., Cooper Hall
A student cut off the tip of her thumb. She was

transported to the hospital for treatment.

Friday, Nov. 21

11:59 a.m., University Center
A student cashed another student's check. The first student was issued a misdemeanor citation for theft under \$500. General Sessions Court.

Sunday, Nov. 23

11:27 a.m., Football Stadium
An unknown vehicle hit a fiberoptic cable box. Investigation continues.

Monday, Nov. 24

10:12 a.m., Lot 6-Crisp Hall
A man was arrested for assault and jailed at the sheriff's department. General Sessions Court.

Monday, Nov. 24

9:03 p.m., Elam Center
Numerous items were stolen from the Central Baptist basketball team while playing at UTM. Investigation continues.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

7:07 a.m., University Courts
Alarm clock in an apartment was disturbing others. Occupant was notified.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

2:23 p.m., Lot 2-Elam Center
Minor accident in the parking lot. Report is on file.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

5:11 p.m., University Street
Citation issued for failing to stop for people in the crosswalk.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

5:32 p.m., Lot 3-Fine Arts
A gray Tahoe was hit on the driver's side door by an unknown vehicle. Investigation continues.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

11:01 a.m., University Street
A citation was issued for a speeding violation. Martin City Court.

Friday, Nov. 28

4:01 p.m., University Street
While trying to jumpstart a stranded motorist a small fire started. There was no apparent damage and the car was towed to BP.

Saturday, Nov. 29

8:47 p.m., Hannings Lane
A citation was issued for a stop sign violation. Martin City Court.

Sunday, Nov. 30

12:22 p.m., Mt. Pelia Road
A citation was issued for an expired drive-out tag. Martin City Court.

Public Safety Report is provided by the Department of Public Safety at UTM. All items on the public safety report are considered public record. DPS can be contacted at 587-7777.

The Pacer wishes you and yours the best this holiday season.

The spring semester begins Jan. 12.

The next *Pacer* meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 16 in Gooch 316.

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The March of Time

The 'face' of news at UTM has seen lots of changes since late 1920s

Staff Reports

A weekly newspaper tossed into the racks at UTM has been a familiar sight for students for many years.

However, as The Pacer celebrates 75 years of at least frequent, if not weekly, newspaper publication at UTM, it's time to look back at a period when publication was the exception rather than the rule.

First, a bit of history. According to Bob Carroll's book, The University of Tennessee at Martin: The First One Hundred Years, the forerunner of UTM was a Baptist school, Hall-Moody Institute, established in 1900. A student newspaper called the Crimson and Gold (the Institute's colors) was printed for several years, and two annuals, or year-books, also were published.

The school, Carroll wrote, became known as Hall-Moody Normal School in 1917 and as Hall-Moody Junior College in 1922. It was consolidated with Union University in Jackson in 1927 and closed its doors on June 1 of that year.

Through much effort from politicians and Martin/Weakley County residents, the former Hall-Moody property was purchased and the school became a junior college for the UT system in the summer of 1927, Carroll wrote. UTJC finally became a four-year institution, the University of Tennessee Martin Branch, or UTMB, in 1951, and then, finally, became simply the University of Tennessee at Martin, or UTM, in 1967.

For some reason, a group of students decided in the fall of 1927 that UTJC needed a student newspaper. They called themselves the Checkers, and the first evidence of their dream, the Checkerboard, appeared in the Weakley County Press in January and February 1928 (pictured above right). They also published a stand-alone issue of the Checkerboard later in the spring of 1928 and then published a magazine by the same name at the end of the 1927-28 academic year (both also pictured above right). The magazine is also considered a forerunner of the present-day UTM yearbook, The Spirit.

The Checkers consisted of Lloyd Lynn, editor; Gretchen Dyer, literary; Tyrus White, sports; J. Fitzgerald, agriculture; Manetta Keathley, poetry; Regina Reager, society; Ruth Morgan, exchange; and Malcolm Johns, Joe James, Roscoe Hunt and Howard Bruer, school activities.

In the magazine, the Checkers describe themselves as "the first, and at present, the only journalistic organization in the University of Tennessee Junior College. ... With their share of the school activity fund next year the Checkers hope to have a much bigger and better paper. We, the Checkers, feel that we have performed a service for the school and for the students."

The first edition of The Volette, which evolved from the Checkers' vision and grew into the permanent student newspaper at what is now UTM, was printed Dec. 17, 1928. It contains a tribute to the Checkers on page two, which reads, in part: "A little over a year ago an earnest group of students met in an unused room of the University of Tennessee Junior College and organized the Checkerboard Club. This club was composed of people interested in journalism and dedicated to the purpose of publishing a paper at the Junior College.

"This move was a result of the spontaneous enthusiasm of this group of students; no member of the faculty in any way instigated it. Moreover this group, under the capable leadership of Mr. Lynn, carried on. They actually published a paper weekly; without money, without anything but the passive approval of the faculty and their own native ability coupled with a boundless determination. ...

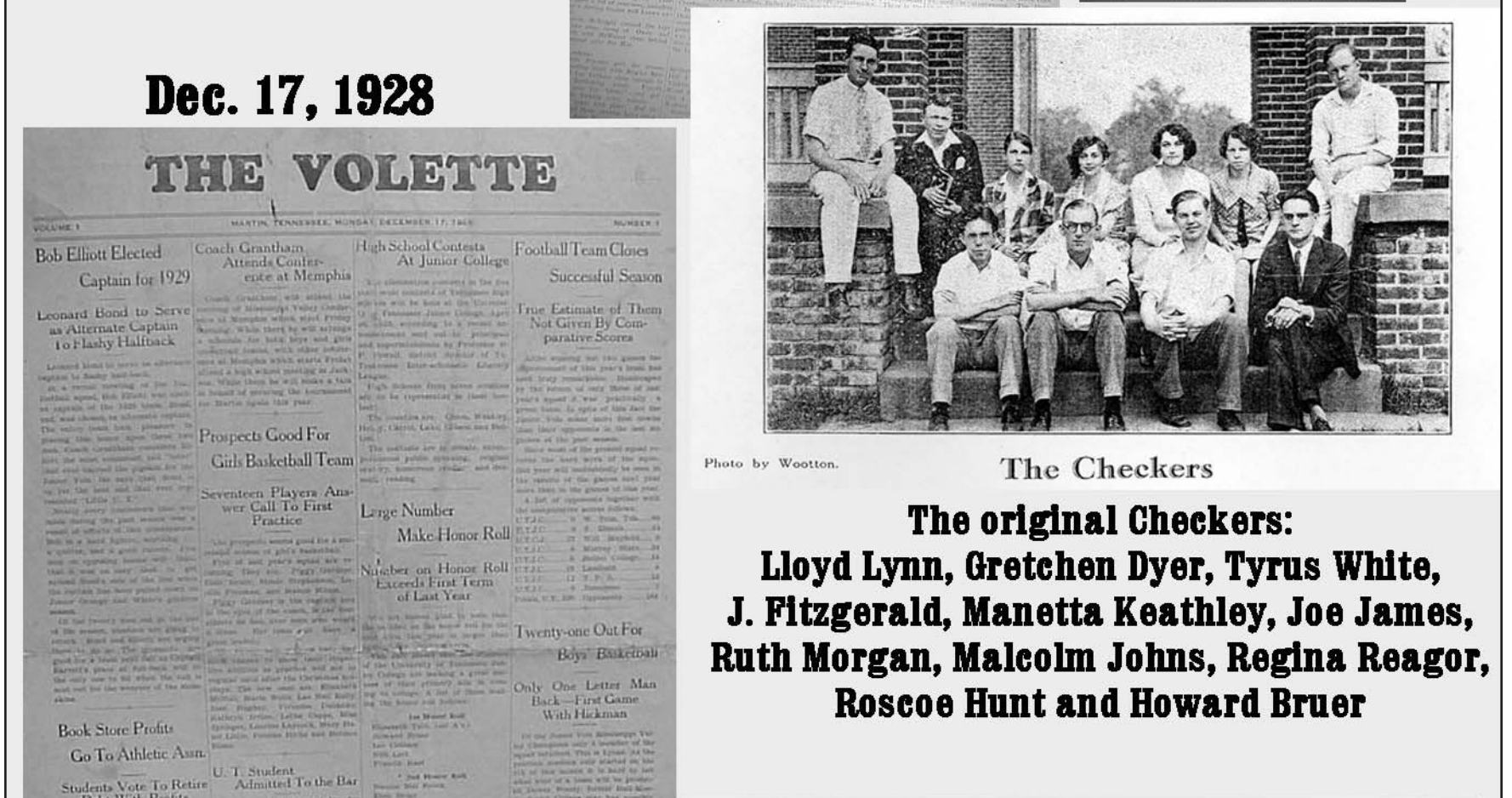
"Our hats are off to you who produced the first paper ever published at the University of Tennessee Junior College. You occupy a position that can be usurped by none. ..."

The first Volette was a four-page publication that contained a few advertisements but no pictures. Sports news led the way on many of the headlines on page one: See March, page 6

Access to the issues of the Volette and Checkerboard was graciously granted by Richard Saunders and Karen Elmore of the University Archives and Museum, who also made it possible to take photos of the papers for this special section.



Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 1928



The Checkers The original Checkers: Lloyd Lynn, Gretchen Dyer, Tyrus White, J. Fitzgerald, Manetta Keathley, Joe James, Ruth Morgan, Malcolm Johns, Regina Reager, Roscoe Hunt and Howard Bruer



Below, this issue of The Volette featured the first graduating class of UTMB.

May 19, 1953



Oct. 11, 1949 Above, this issue of The Volette featured the groundbreaking ceremony for Brehm Hall.

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Staff Welcomes Dr. Eisterhold

by Patsy Watkins

Dr. John A. Eisterhold has been appointed as the new adviser for the Pacer.

DR. EISTERHOLD came to UTM as an assistant professor in the history department in 1969. He received his B.A. and M.A. in history at Indiana University and his Ph. D. in history at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Eisterhold came with experience, having worked as reporter on the Evansville Press covering police, city court, Tri-State, theatre, and features desks during the summers of 1960-1962. While at Indiana University he worked as a reporter on the Bloomington Star-Courier on a variety of assignments.

THE NEW ADVISER is a



ACCORDING TO THIS CARD you could have been EXEMPT FROM ROTC last year.

Dr. Campbell Accepts Duties As Chancellor

Dr. Norman Campbell is well qualified in filling the position he holds as Acting Chancellor.

IN 1948, Dr. Campbell came to the University as a Chemistry professor. After serving as Chairman of the Physical Science Dept., he became head of the Liberal Arts Department. Later Dr. Campbell was promoted to Dean of Instruction.

At present, Dr. Campbell is a man of three hats. He is Vice Chancellor for Academic



Dr. Norman Campbell

Affairs, Director of graduate programs, and Acting Chancellor.

THE ACTING Chancellor is a native of Weakley County having been born and reared in Greenfield, Tennessee. He has a wife, Ruby Robinson Campbell, and three married daughters. Dr. Campbell earned his BS in Education and MS in Chemistry from the University of Tennessee. In 1961 he received his Phd from the University of Illinois with a major in chemistry and minor in higher educational administration.

"I have enjoyed the many years that I have spent with UTM and am honored to have been selected Acting Chancellor," Dr. Campbell commented.

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Registration Inspires Variety Of Opinions

by Larry Rhodes

Fall Quarter registration this year was the result of six months of extensive investigation and recommendation by a Committee on Registration composed of students and faculty appointed by the Curriculum Committee to devise a "fool-proof" class registration system.

Of course, the general consensus among students, staff, and administration is that no "fool-proof" system has ever been nor can be devised. So needless to say, this one wasn't.

Nevertheless, this experimental system has definitely shed new light on an old problem. Opinions of students and staff, both those on and off the committee, vary on the faults and attributes, the successfulness or unsuccessfulness of the experiments.

Most everyone seems to have learned at least one thing from the experiment. Namely, a fair and efficient system of serving so great a number of people comes through experimentation and trial and error.

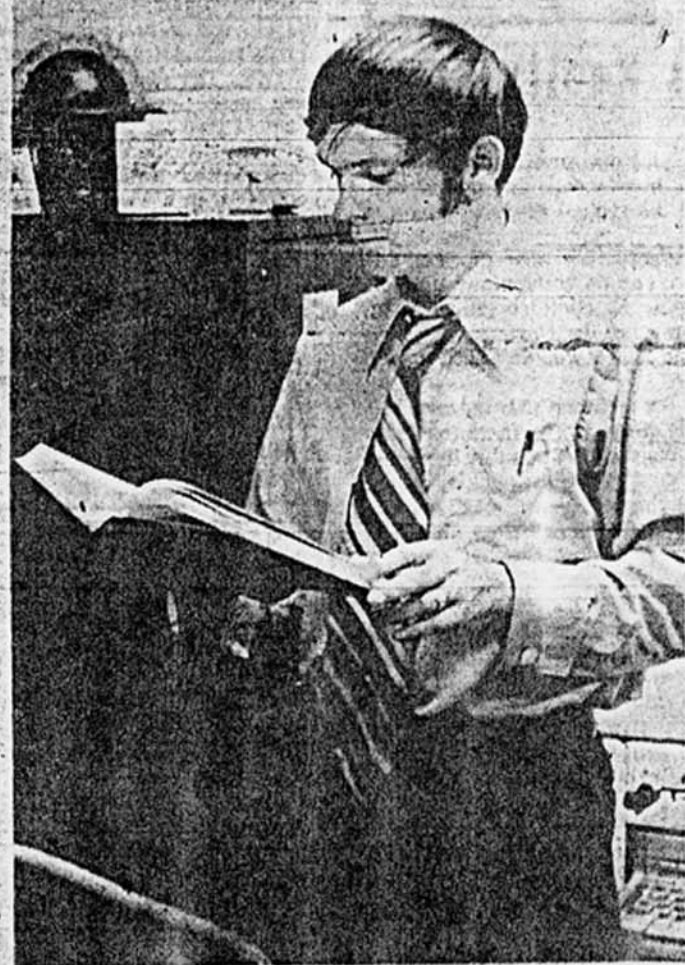
The committee headed by Dr. Bobby Duck of the Agriculture Department, met at least once a week last winter and spring quarters according to Harmon Hale, a student member.

"Unfortunately, student attendance at the meetings was poor in comparison to faculty attendance," Hale stated.

The committee was urged to remain open-minded at the outset of their investigation program and to keep in mind that the goal was to decide what was best for the students, staff, and administration as a whole on campus. Several members visited other colleges and universities, observed their registration methods, and made a comparative study of their situations and needs with ours.

Two of the systems observed and rejected by the committee were computer registration and pre-registration. Lack of funds

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Dr. John A. Eisterhold

native of Evansville, Indiana, and is married with two sons.

Before coming to UTM, he taught at the University of Mississippi. At Martin, Dr. Eisterhold teaches American history and History of the South. He serves on the UTM committee: Athletic Committee, Faculty Senate, Traffic Appeals Board, and various departmental committees. He also advises the Young American for Freedom and Phi Alpha.

Fall Enrollment Sees Increase

Enrollment for the fall quarter reached 4,907 according to H.C. Allison, Dean of Admissions and Records.

THIS IS AN increase of six per cent over enrollment last fall quarter. Of the 4,907 enrolled, 1,811 are classified as freshmen, 2,866 as undergraduate upperclassmen and 230 as graduate students.

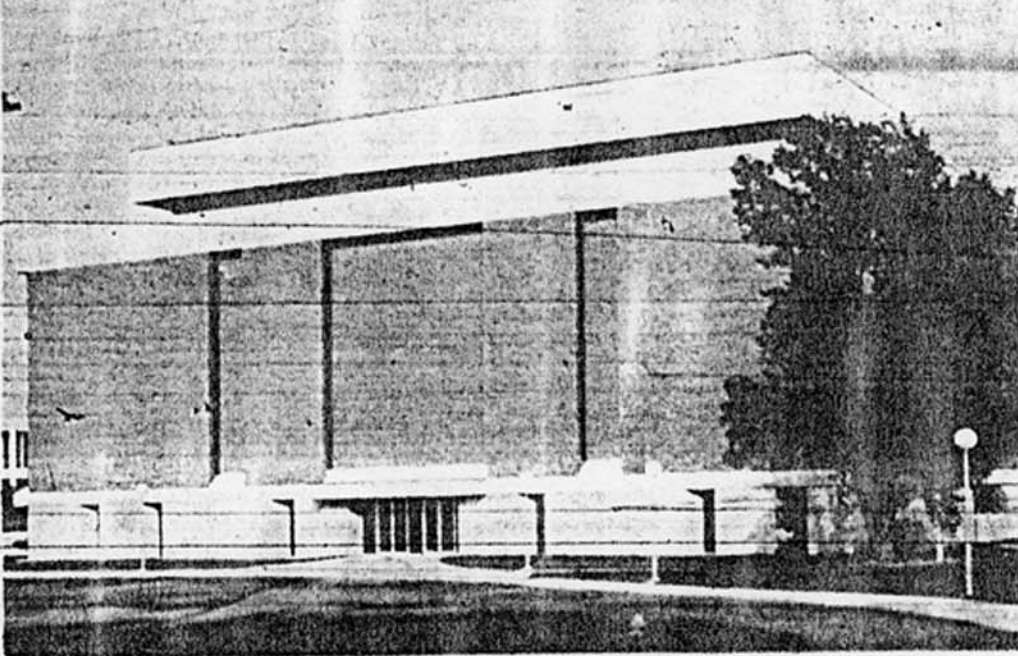
Freshman enrollment is up approximately six per cent over last fall. The number of first time freshmen enrolled shows an eight per cent increase over last year.

STUDENTS REGISTERED at UTM come from 69 counties in Tennessee, from 30 other states, and from seven foreign countries.

Auditions Held For Television Broadcasters

The Northwest Tennessee Public School Instructional Television, located on campus announced they will be auditioning for on-camera television announcers and

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BODY BY FISHER? Maybe not, but this street side view of the newly completed Physical Science Building addition has taken several second looks from viewers.

Above is pictured the first edition of *The Pacer* after its name was officially changed from *The Volette*. It was printed on Oct. 6, 1971. At that time, UTM's athletics nickname was the Pacers. Though the university's nickname changed to the Skyhawks in the 1990s, then-Pacer adviser Dr. Robert Nanney allowed the staff to vote whether to again change the newspaper's name to reflect the changing mascot, as was done when it was *The Volette*. "By an overwhelming margin, the staff voted to retain the Pacer moniker for two reasons. First, the Pacer reflects an ever-evolving, pace-setting entity, and we believed the newspaper should continue to represent such on campus. Second, the staff believed that retaining the name would make it clear that the newspaper does not necessarily follow the recommendations of consultants," Nanney said.

Give us your Stories!!

Our research into the history of *The Pacer* and *The Spirit* is ongoing. We are seeking stories from any member of the UTM faculty or staff who has ever held a position with either publication. Some of you (like some of us) may have worked for the newspaper or yearbook when you were a student at UTM. We want your "memories" - your recollections of the time you spent with the newspaper or yearbook.

If you have a story to tell, contact Tomi McCutchen Parrish at ext. 7558 or via e-mail at tomimc@utm.edu.



Pacer advisers have included (above, from left) Dr. Jerald Ogg, dean of Humanities and Fine Arts; John Mathenia of International Programs; current adviser Tomi M. Parrish of Communications; Dr. Richard Chesteen, professor of Political Science; (at left) Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of Communications; and (at right) the late Dr. John Eisterhold, professor of History.



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Football Team Closes Successful Season, Prospects Good For Girls Basketball Team, Coach Grantham Attends Conference at Memphis, etc. Other headlines included: Large Number Make Honor Roll, Faculty Members Make Speeches, and U.T. Student Admitted To The Bar.

On page two of *The Volette* were a freshman's letter home (with all spelling and grammatical errors included, perhaps as a joke); newspaper staff information; subscription information (a year's subscription was only \$1.50); a brief on the naming contest held to name *The Volette*, and an editorial from the newspaper staff on the first edition of the paper.

The editorial included an apology on why the paper was printed so late in the fall, as well as a plea for stories from the student body that *The Pacer* continues to make to this day. It reads: "... It is evident that no group of reporters, however good they may be, can cover all interesting items without the cooperation of the student body at large. Therefore, we ask that any student will report such interesting occurrences as shall come under his observation. Moreover, we wish to state that it is the policy of this paper to accept worthwhile contributions from any and all sources."

A column down the righthand side of the page was called "Newettes," personal notes of college students. Tidbits from the column include:

- Lucille Kirk and Kennedy Laws went to Fulton Saturday night.
- Charles Johnson attended the Cow Sale at Gleason Saturday.
- Marie Wells spent the weekend at her home in Obion.
- Tater Jones and Fatty McDonald have accepted positions as skating managers in the skating rink here.
- Paul White spent several days in Nashville, Christmas shopping.
- The Terrible Two were out of the dormitory last weekend. John McDonald was the guest of Mr. Matthew Enochs at his home in Newbern.
- Burnie Orr called on Dr. C.R. Galloway of Greenfield Tuesday afternoon to have the lens of his glasses changed. (It should be noted that Orr was the business manager for *The Volette*.)

While *The Pacer* no longer contains such personal items on students, local papers like the *Weakley County Press* and the *Dresden Enterprise* still feature the same type of "community news."

The Volette's page three featured a wide variety of opinionated copy headlined "El Toro" by El Toreador. No other name was given. El Toreador, however, took up much of the page with "rants" both serious and funny on other students; with a poem called "Ballad of Bad Boys; with a Top 10 list of rules for drivers; and with suggestions on what students could do at night. The last suggestion, of course, was to study. The page also featured a story about the Home Economics Club.

Page four of the paper contained jokes, lots of jokes, which shall not be reprinted in this space. Oddly enough, the page also included a brief on all the new students entering UTM for the second quarter, as well as a short story on the death of a "popular student's" father.

Advertising was confined to pages three and four, with one plea from the newspaper staff to "patronize our advertisers." The paper even included a few classified ads, one for someone willing to work trig problems and a couple for pressing pants and shining shoes.

Finally, current students should know that maybe a lot really hasn't changed in the past 75 years of education at UTM/UTMB/UTM. Page four of the first *Volette* also included a column called "Rules and Regulations, of University of Tennessee Junior College. (Published by special permission for the benefit of the new students.)" Such rules included:

- Chewing gum must be chewed in every class, and, if possible, chewed loud enough to drown out what the professor has to say.
- Whistling, singing and conversations must go on in the library ...
- Every student is requested to be late to chapel ...
- When taking examinations, be sure to sit by good neighbors.
- Do not buy any books, paper or pencils. There should be no extravagance in this University, and purchasing these things is not necessary as they may be borrowed.
- Cut as many classes as possible.

FEATURES

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Gifts to get and give

Emily Vick
Features Editor

Feeling strapped for cash? Don't worry, you're not the only one. If you are worried about what to get your friends and loved ones for Christmas, there are plenty of cheap gifts out there. You just need to use your imagination.

Some cheap gift ideas include:

*Magazine subscriptions are the gifts that keep on giving. Find one that fits the interests of the person. With any luck, they will think of you every time they read it.

*Movie passes or video rental certificates are always a safe bet. These can be purchased in varying amounts from theaters and video stores.

*If you are feeling creative, why not make a theme gift basket? One possibility is a *Night at the Movies* basket complete with microwave popcorn, a video tape or DVD or coupon for a video rental, candy, a 2-liter drink and anything else that can help complete their night at the movies.

*Another idea is a basket filled with different lotions or soaps. For this basket, you can also include bubble bath, a loofah, and small candles.

*A candle basket is another idea. Dollar stores have small, inexpensive candles for sale. You can choose different scents and include them in the basket. To fill

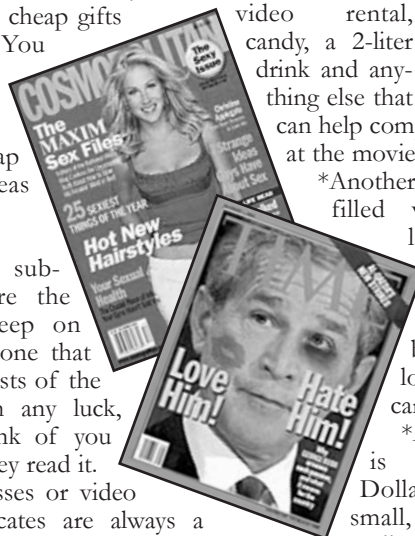
it in, add matches and a candle holder.

*If you are feeling creative and sentimental, you could fill a small photo album with new and old photos of you and the person receiving the gift. You could write captions to help remind the person of the special times you have shared together in the past.

*The ultimate cheap gift is a coupon book filled with IOUs for jobs to be done by you. You can offer to clean their house, cook dinner for them, spend time with them, etc.

If you still need more ideas for inexpensive gifts, check out stores like Wal-Mart and K-Mart. Right now, they have several aisles filled with already made baskets and tins of lotions, colognes, bath supplies, candies, cookies and other goodies.

Whatever you decide to get, remember that real giving begins and ends with the heart.



More holiday gift ideas

Chris Turner
Staff Writer

Still looking for the perfect Christmas gifts for your friends and family? Here are some helpful suggestions on how to prepare for some heavy-duty Christmas shopping.

As you begin to list things to get for your family members, one question comes to mind... "What to get?" It all depends on what age group you're shopping for. This is a helpful guide to buying the perfect gift that will ensure a better present next year.

When shopping for the adolescents, there are two items you can't lose with: Sony's Playstation 2 and Microsoft's X-Box. These two items have been big hits in the homes of American children for the last 5 years.

These game consoles has numerous games at reasonable prices that will give your child years of fun. The Playstation 2 and the X-Box would make great gifts for the females and males, which cuts back on a lot of hassle.

Another quality of the two game consoles is that they both

have DVD players installed into them and, with proper attachments, you can play online against other people. With this gift you don't have to worry about, after the next month's episode, that the figurine you spent \$40 on is going out of style and never getting played with again, which makes the Playstation 2 and X-box great gifts.

As you begin to shop for the teenage crowd you still have to shop in electronics to have the perfect gift. While in high school teenagers are still going on field trips, staying late after school, and walking home from school, so the next gift suggested is a MP3 player.

This could be more of an expensive gift in some eyes, but it's worth it. With the MP3 player you don't have to purchase CDs and listen to songs that you don't want to hear. With the MP3 player, you can just download the songs you want off the Internet.

If you don't have a computer at home, most schools have computers available, and there's always the library. So, the MP3 player is definitely a winner for

the teenage crowd, or you could just buy them clothes.

Even though college students are considered grown, and most of the time don't expect anything, here are a few recommendations for the college student.

One gift that you can never go wrong with is good ol' cash. Money can go a long way with college students. If you don't have the funds to give money, there are plenty of things you can give like socks, shoes, t-shirts, washing powder, etc... because, to most, money isn't pouring in like it used to, so almost anything can be the perfect gift.

Now, let's move up to grown-ups. This is the hardest gift to get, and it's always perfect. The hard thing about it is that most parents are kind of like mine, and will say, "Don't worry about me," which you can't do because they give you so much. So, the thing to get them is anything because whatever you get them is good enough, and because they know that it came from the heart.

Plus, they know you don't have any money, so that makes it even more special.

Happy shopping and Merry Christmas!

Christmas' sordid past made known

Emily Vick
Features Editor

For many Americans, Christmas is the most important holiday of the year. Not just because of the gifts, but because of the time spent with family and friends. But how many of us really know how this holiday really began?

A celebration of light and birth during the dark days of winter was held by early Europeans long before the birth of Jesus. This celebration was always held in the middle of winter after the winter solstice. They rejoiced during this time because it meant that the worst of winter was behind them. This meant that they would soon see longer days with more sunlight.

The Norse of Scandinavia began their celebration of Yule on Dec. 21, which was the winter solstice. Their celebration went all the way through January. Fathers and sons of that culture would bring home logs to set on fire. This was to symbolize the

return of the sun.

During Christianity's early days, the birth of Jesus was not celebrated. It was not until the fourth century that church officials made Jesus' birth a holiday. Pope Julius I was the one who decided the celebration should be held on Dec. 25; it's believed that this date was chosen in an effort to absorb the traditions of the Saturnalia festival, a pagan holiday in honor of Saturn who was the god of agriculture.

The holiday was originally called the Feast of the Nativity, and it was eventually celebrated in England by the sixth century. Church leaders chose to celebrate Christmas at the same time as the winter solstice celebration so that more people would chose to embrace it.

For the original celebration of Christmas, believers would attend church. After this, they would begin to drink. A lot. While celebrating, they would crown a beggar the "lord of misrule." The rich people would be bombarded by his loyal subjects who demanded their finest food

and drinks.

When religious reform began to happen in England, they decided to get rid of Christmas. The holiday returned when Charles II took the throne. When the pilgrims came to America, they did not celebrate Christmas. It was even outlawed from 1659 to 1681 in Boston. A five shilling fine was issued to anyone exhibiting Christmas spirit. But in the Jamestown settlement, Christmas was celebrated and enjoyed by all of it's citizens.

Christmas was not declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

Christmas was soon seen as the perfect family holiday. But within the next 100 years, the focus of Christmas soon began to change. Americans built their own holiday traditions that didn't focus on the original ideas of Christmas. They began to decorate trees, send cards and give gifts to one another.

Check out www.historychannel.com for more information about the past, present and future of Christmas.



A holiday tradition comes to Paducah with American Family Theater's Broadway for Kids lively and musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale, *A Christmas Carol*. This jubilant holiday musical is perfect for families and children of all ages and is beautifully staged with a superbly talented company of performers. Tickets are available from the Four Rivers Center for the Performing Arts. The box office can be reached by calling (270) 443-9932. Box office hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also purchase tickets online at www.fourriverscenter.org/link.

Holiday facts

** U.S. farmers received \$493 million from Christmas tree sales in 2001.

** China is the leading foreign source of artificial Christmas trees in the United States.

** There is only one town in the U.S. named Christmas. The Florida town has a population of 1,162.

** There is a North Pole in Alaska, a Santa Claus, Indiana, a Santa Claus, Georgia, a Noel, Missouri and a Rudolph, Wisconsin.

** Retail sales hit \$33.9 billion in department stores in December 2001.

** There were 7.4 million Americans who said they Alpine-skied more than once a year. Ice skating is another popular winter sport.

Courtesy of www.census.gov

What to do in Martin ...

Friday

• Study day. Remember to study hard for your exams that start on Monday. But don't forget to take some time to unwind from a long semester of classes.

Saturday

• Get some of your Christmas shopping done at the Weakley County Arts Council's Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale from 9:30 to noon at the Weldon Public Library.

Monday

• Stop by the Fall 2003 Stress Free Zone from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 230 ABC in the UC. It will be held every day through Thursday.

Tuesday

• Take a break from studying and let UTM faculty serve you at the annual Moonlight Breakfast. Chancellor Dungan will be there to greet you at 10:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal is free to students with a meal plan and \$3 for everyone else.

What's happening in Tennessee?

December

** - Check out the Rockettes when the Radio City Christmas Spectacular lands in Nashville. This will be the final Christmas the show will tour to Nashville. They can be seen through December 28 at the Grand Old Opry House. Tickets range from \$30 to \$71 and can be purchased by calling (615) 889-6611.

** - Whether you call Memphis or Nashville home, you can see the holiday favorite, *Nutcracker*. Check out ticketmaster.com for show times and ticket information for your city.

13- Celebrate Christmas early with the Christmastime Tour. The tour features Michael W. Smith, Point of Grace and the Katinas. The concert will be at 7 p.m. at the Desoto Civic Center in Southaven, MS. Tickets are \$27.50 to \$34.50 and are on sale through Ticketmaster. You can get tickets from ticketmaster.com or by calling

17- Hear the Nashville Symphony capture the essence of Christmas when they perform *Handel's Messiah* at 8 p.m. in the War Memorial Auditorium. You can share in the gospel of song with them as they finish the performance with the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Tickets are \$12 to \$42 and can be bought from the TPAC box office by calling (615) 782-4000.

HISTORY OF THE CANDY CANE

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane.

He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. The white was to symbolize the Virgin Birth (Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-35) and the sinless nature of Jesus (1John 3:5), and hardness was to symbolize the solid rock (1 Cor. 10:4), the foundation of the church (Matthew 16:18) and the firmness of the promises of God (Psalms 18:30-32).

The candy maker made the candy into the form of a 'J' to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to Earth as our Savior (1John 3:16-17), and a symbol to represent the staff of the Good Shepherd (John 10:14) with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray (Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:10-13).

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker decided to stain it with red stripes. He painted three small stripes representing the stripes of the scourging Jesus received prior to his crucifixion (Mark 15:15-20), the stripes He received that we might be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The large red stripe represents the shedding of His blood on the cross, the blood shed for us so that we may have eternal life by Him and through Him (Romans 5:9, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:19-20, Hebrews 9:11-14).

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Two UTM football players named to 2003 All-OVC honorable mention list



UTM sophomores Andre Plummer and Jason Coleman were named to the 2003 All-OVC football team's honorable mention list.

Coleman, a 5-11 cornerback, led the Skyhawks and finished ninth in the conference in all-purpose yards with an average of 83.5 yards per game.

The Fairburn, Ga., native had 45 tackles on the season, including one for a loss.

To add to his numbers, Coleman also tallied three interceptions to finish second on the team in that category. He also broke up three passes.

Coleman led not only UTM, but also the OVC in punt returns. He averaged 13.6 yards per punt return.

He ranked second in the conference, and first on the team in kick returns. He averaged 26.3 yards per return. He finished the season with 26 returns for 683 yards and a touchdown.

Plummer, a 6-3 defensive end, had 49 tackles, eight of them for a loss.

The Memphis, Tenn., native also led the team and finished eighth in the OVC with six sacks this past season. Of his six sacks, four of them came against Tennessee Tech.

Plummer helped the Skyhawks come from behind and beat Tennessee Tech in overtime, 30-23. On that day, the Skyhawks sacked Tech quarterbacks a total of eight times.

On the season, he also broke up two passes, had one quarterback hurry and recovered a fumble.

Samford wide receiver Efreem Hill, who leads the nation in receiving, and his teammate, defensive back, Cortland Finnegan, who led the conference in tackles, earned top honors as offensive and defensive players of the year.



Sophomores Jason Coleman, left, and Andre Plummer, right, were named to the 2003 All-OVC football team's honorable mention list. Coleman, a cornerback from Fairburn, Ga., led UTM and OVC in punt returns. Plummer, a defensive end from Memphis, had 49 tackles for the season.

Photos: UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Basketball season in full swing

Women rack up away loss against 13-ranked North Carolina

Meredith Ramsey
Staff Writer

Ten players scored for the UTM women's basketball team and two of them tossed in double-digit efforts. It wasn't enough though for the visiting Skyhawks to upset No. 13 North Carolina, Wednesday night, in Carmichael Auditorium.

The Tar Heel women shot 50 percent from the field and out-rebounded the

Skyhawks 59-29 en route to a lopsided 101-63 win.

The Tar Heels had four players that scored in double figures to improve their record to 5-0, while the Skyhawks fall to 1-2.

The Skyhawks return to action with a non-conference road game at 5 p.m., tomorrow against the University of Memphis.

With 15:18 remaining in the first half, the Skyhawks led 10-9 after two free throws by junior Danielle Page.

A 14-0 run for the Tar Heels, including points by six different players, is what kept the lead in double-digits for the rest of the night.

Senior Julie Young and junior Chandra Carey led the Skyhawks offensively with 11 points each. Freshman Deina Willingham helped the Skyhawks with nine points while sophomore Keva Robinson had eight points.

Young and freshman Andreika Jackson led the Skyhawks defensively with four rebounds each.

"We played at UNC two years ago and they have a much more athletic team this year," said Gary Van Atta, co-head coach of the Skyhawks. "UNC has speed and quickness at every position."

"My team played hard and completed. We got off to a good start and we forced 17 turnovers. I saw a lot of good things."

The Skyhawks shot well from the free throw line, sinking 10-of-11 attempts.

Page hit both of her free throw attempts in the game and has now made 37 consecutive free throws. Her streak

started Jan. 27 against Eastern Kentucky.

The Skyhawks also shot 34.8 percent from the field against the Tar Heels, the highest by any UNC opponent this season.

UNC's scoring effort was led by center Candace Sutton with 19 points. La'Tangela Atkinson added 13 points, while Nikita Bell tossed in a dozen points. Ivory Latta pitched in 10 points to round out UNC's double-digit scoring.

Men lose two more

UTM's recent trip to Nashville last Saturday for a men's basketball showdown with host Vanderbilt offered both good and bad news for the Skyhawks.

The good news first, senior Earl Bullock returned to the court and led the Skyhawks with 17 points in 19 minutes played.

The rest of the good news was that Vanderbilt senior Matt Freije only scored nine points and played 21 minutes. Freije's limited effort came after he scored 32 points against Indiana earlier in the week.

The bad news, well, Bullock's 17 points were far from enough for the Skyhawks to pull the upset.

There's more bad news, the Skyhawks suffered a 94-60 loss to Vanderbilt and fell to 2-3 on the year.

Vanderbilt improved to 3-0 this season and is now 4-0 against the Skyhawks since the series began in 1993.

Bullock, who missed two games with a knee injury he suffered from in the second game of the season against Western Illinois, hit five-of-14 three-pointers in the game.

The Skyhawks kept things close until the 10:40 mark in the first half when Vandy went on a 13-4 run and stretched the lead to 15 points, 35-20, with 7:08 to play.

Vandy led at the intermission 48-34, as it outscored the Skyhawks 16-2 on points off turnovers.

The Skyhawks continued to struggle in the second half as Vanderbilt relied on double-digit scoring from four players.

Dawid Przbyszewski led the pack with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Julian Terrell added 14 points, while Mario Moore and Corey Smith tossed in 13 and 11 points, respectively.

The biggest difference in the game was rebounding, where Vandy claimed a 49-26 advantage.

On Wednesday night, UTM visited the Pyramid in Memphis to take on the University of Memphis.

Sean Banks and Rodney Carney should get all the credit for the University of Memphis'

84-64 win over UTM.

Banks scored 24 points, while Carney added 21 points. Banks was all money against the Skyhawks.

He connected on seven-of-13 shots from the field and was six-of-nine from three-point range. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Carney was eight-of-18 from the field with nine rebounds.

Despite Banks and Carney's efforts on the boards, the Skyhawks won the rebounding battle against the bigger Tigers, 40-37.

Sophomore Cleve Woodfork led the Skyhawks with 14 points and 10 rebounds. It was his first career double-double as a Skyhawk.

The Skyhawks enjoyed a five-point lead three times in the first half and the game was tied once at 19-all. Memphis used a 30-15 run to end the first half and claimed a 37-27 lead at the break.

In the second half, Banks and Carney came alive. Banks scored 14 points and Carney netted a dozen points. Ivan Lopez added seven second-half points to his tally and finished the game with 10 points.

Memphis took advantage of 12 second-half turnovers by the Skyhawks and the dismal shooting of Earl Bullock and Justin Smith. The two Skyhawk sharpshooters were a combined four-for-21 from the field.

While Bullock and Smith struggled, junior college transfer, Tyler "Bibby" George came through with 10 points.

He was four-of-six from the field and two-for-four from the three-point arch. The Skyhawks were a combined nine-for-29 from the arch in the game.

With the loss the Skyhawks fall to 2-4 on the year, while Memphis improves to 3-1.

The Skyhawks return to action tomorrow when they travel to Itta Bena, Miss., to play Mississippi Valley State.

Tipoff has been moved back to 7:30 p.m.

The next home game for the Skyhawks is Dec. 13 against Rochester College.

Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

UT Martin
Sports Schedule

Dec. 5 - Jan. 15

Saturday, Dec 6

- Women's Basketball @ University of Memphis, 5 p.m.
- Men's Basketball @ Mississippi Valley, 7 p.m.

Christmas Tournament (Mon-Tue)

Saturday, Dec. 13

- Men's Basketball vs. Rochester College, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

- Men's Basketball @ Central Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14

- Women's Basketball vs. Evansville, 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 2

- Men's Basketball @ Portland State, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

- Women's Basketball @ Mississippi State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3

- Women's Basketball @ North Carolina-Asheville, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18

- Women's Basketball vs. Univ. of Arkansas-LR, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

- Women's Basketball @ Eastern Kentucky, 4:30 p.m.
- * Men's Basketball @ Eastern Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20

- Men's Basketball vs. Mississippi Valley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

- Women's Basketball @ Morehead State, 4:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball @ Morehead State, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22

- Men's Basketball @ Indiana State, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Women's Basketball @ Jacksonville State, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball @ Jacksonville State, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 29

- Women's Basketball @ UAB



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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Skyhawk softball team signs four-year, all-district Richland pitcher

Richland High School softball coach Rickey Taylor has had the same No. 3 hitter in his starting lineup for the past four years. This spring will be no different as he relies on Amanda Edwards to hit third in the order. After this season, Taylor will have to give thought to the No. 3 spot in his batting order for the first time in five years. But Taylor's loss is UTM head softball coach Donley Canary's gain. Edwards has accepted a scholarship offer from UTM to continue her softball career as a Skyhawk. Edwards, a senior at Richland High School in Giles County, can play any position on the

field, including pitcher. She complements her versatility with a strong and quick bat. "It's going to be tough to play without her," Taylor said. "It's hard to find someone who can hit in the three spot and pitch." Edwards joins Canary's outstanding recruiting class that includes second baseman Ashley Hodge from Murfreesboro; catcher Lauren Manna from Nashville; infielder Maghan Brown from Waverly; and pitcher Lindsey Brown from Crossville. "Amanda is very athletic and we will find the best spot for her," Canary said. "We plan to use her as a pitcher, and at a

variety of positions as soon as she gets here." Edwards helped her Richland team advance to last year's substate where it suffered a 1-0 loss, in 10 innings, to eventual Class 1A state champion Goodpasture. The team suffered only one regional loss and posted a 26-9 record. Edwards hit .395 with two home runs and 32 RBI. On the mound, she was 10-4. She piled up 110 strikeouts and gave up 18 walks. She earned all-district honors as an eighth and ninth grader in Class 2A. She also earned all-district honors as a sophomore and junior in Class 1A.

Teacher of the Month

Laura Brown
 Health and Human Performance



November



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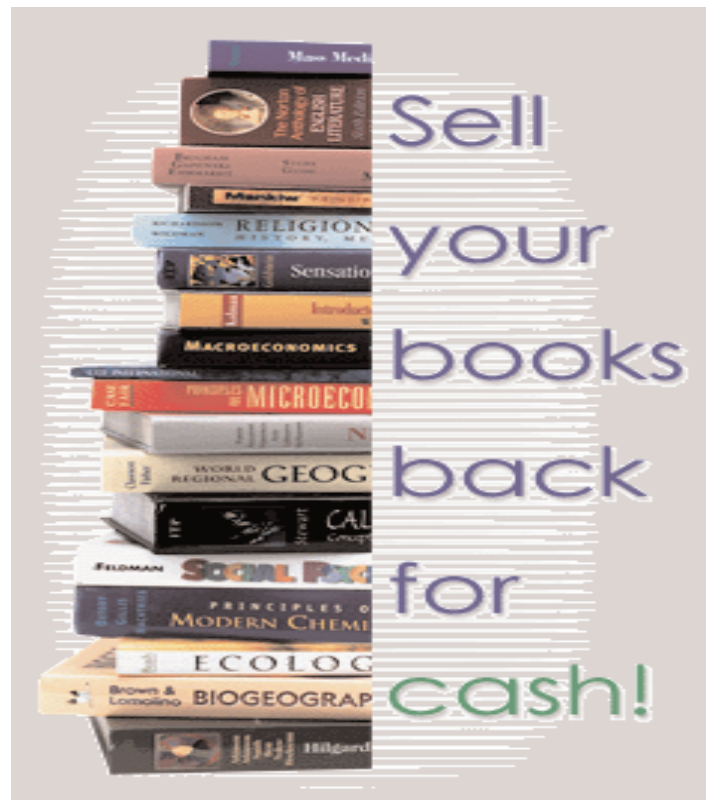
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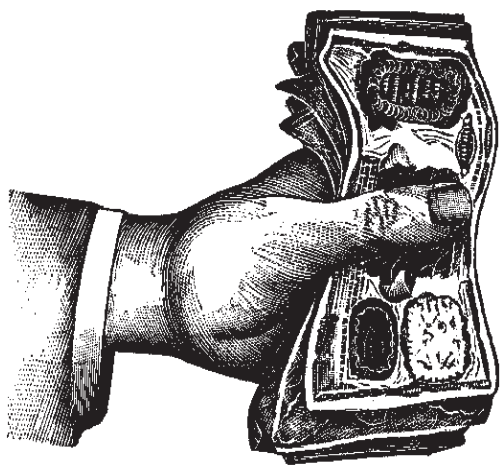
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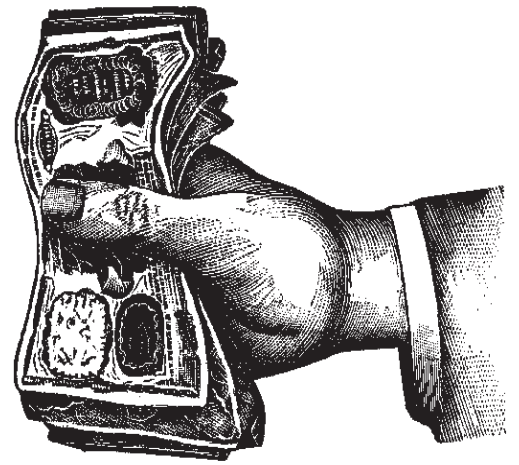
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